

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,168,203 to Amamori. The Amamori patent is directed to an airbag made from two irregularly shaped panels, which are similarly shaped. These panels are joined together to form the Amamori airbag. Claims 1-8 as currently presented recite, among other things, a first fabric blank of rectilinear shape, and a second fabric blank connected together. Support for this feature is provided in the original figures, as well as on page 8, line 4 of the specification. Therefore, Amamori fails to disclose or suggest an airbag of the variety set forth in Applicant's claims.

Information Disclosure Statement: Please consider the references cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, and note for the record that each reference has been considered for all purposes.

Fee Authorization: In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Extension of Time: In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any

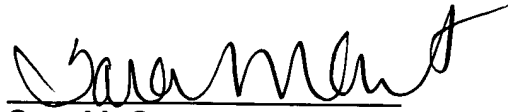
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